# QUEER POSTMASTERS

Two Reminiscent Stories of Post Office Inspector Waterbury.

NO MAIL, WAS DELIVERED FOR YEARS

Postmasters Rept in Ignorance of Appointments-Many Persons Had Died Before Receiving Important Mail-An Ellicit Distillery Run by the Postmaster.

(Denver Republican.)

Postoffice Inspector Waterbury returned yesterday from a protracted official tour of his district, and he brings home two new stories. The first story is reminiscent of one which Inspector Waterbury unearthed in 1894, the full details of which however have never here with oury uncertised in 1894, the full details of which, however, have never been published. His last trip, which he took in Yuma, Arlzona, brought him face to face with the particular character with which this particular story deals, who is now awaiting execution for wife murder.

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Early in 1894 inspector Waterbury re-ceived instructions from the general postoffice at Washington to go to Eh-renburg. 150 miles from Yuna, and in-vestigate the condition of the postoffice there. For eleven years not a word had been heard from it, although the official had forwarded stamps occasionally. The postoffice issued orders which brook-ed of no delay, but no beed had been lat-The postoffice issued orders which brooked of no delay, but no heed had been taken of them, and the officials wanted the
whole mater sifted. Inspector Waterbury set out and finally reached his
destination. He did not ride in a Pullman all the way. There were stage
coaches for a much longer distance than
there are now, and sometimes they were
not allowed to proceed until another
class of inspectors had first decided
whether the contents were worth takwhether the contents were worth tak

Arrived at Ehrenburg the postoffice was not very difficult to locate. It was one of the poorest of the stragging adobe huts which constituted the town at that time. But the postmaster was nowhere to be found.

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A compadre of his was met after a while who spoke English. "Hayzoos" would be back in a few days, Inspector Waterbury was told, which information it took a long while to elicit. The distance was too long and the way too difficult to traverse to leave his mission unaccomplished, so Inspector Waterbury sat down and availed the pleasure. bury sat down and awaited the pleasure

"Twenty-five cents," replied the bar-

ender.
"That's too much, I cannot afford it," said the inspector.
"Well, who are you?" he asked.
"I am the Unitel States Inspector of postoffices," responded Inspector Waterbury.
"Then I will let you have the drink for

nothing," answered the postmaster in the most conciliatory tone.

It was refused and the inspector comnenced to state his mission

"You are selling this whisky illegally." "You are selling this whisky lliegally," commenced the inspector.
"Oh, no, I ain't." responded the post-master. "The boys come here when they are sick, and I sell it to them as medicine," and he inadvertently looked around for some of the "boys," whom the inspector had already discerned lying stupidly drunk on the floor inside the counter.

the counter.

The postmaster was told that he must The postmaster was told that he must at once get rid of the whisky part of his establishment. He responded that it would spoil his business; that he did not make enough out of the postoffice alone. He was not at once cognizant of the gravity of his case, so far as the whisky part of it went, so Inspector Waterbury said:

said:
"Selling whisky is not the only charge against you. You are accused by Mr. C— of extracting \$16 from a registered letter addressed to him."
"Well," slowly ejaculated the German, in the profoundest surprise, "did he tell you that? Why, he admitted that he owed me that much when I told him I took it."

#### HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

Shoes should always be wiped off and put into a linen bag with pockets when not in use.

from woolen cloth by turpentine being rubbed on. Egg stains may be removed from sil-

Egg stains may be removed from: sliver forks and spoons by rubbing them with a little very fine salt.

A little water and a hot cinder put into a musty tcapot or bottle will make either perfectly fresh again.

When mixing starch the addition of a little turpentine will be found to produce a splendid gloss on collars, cuffs and shirt fronts.

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in a cupboard or pantry, and frequently renewed, will absorb the damp and keep the air sweet and dry.

Books of a very delicate binding, such as white or other pale shades, may be freshened and cleaned by rubbing them gently and choreurs in with the state of the st gently and thoroughly leather and finely powdered pumic

An innovation in serving the regula-tion biscuits and cheese at dinners is to have the delicate biscuit heated. It must not be scorched hot and dry, nor moistened by steam heat, but just suffi-ciently warmed to make it tender and warm to the taste.

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Strong Arraignment of the Game by an Eminent Physician.

EVIDENCE OF A VITIATED TASTE

Dangerous; It Is Unneccesary as a Means of Athletic Training; Its Spirit Is Unchristian-Time for Emphatic Protest.

(Louisville Courier-Journal.) In the November number of Men ap-

pears an interesting article on "Fight-ing at Football," by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, M. D. superintendent of Battle Creek Mich., Sanitarium. The writer takes strong grounds against the popular col-lege game.

He says: "If the men who engage in bruising one another at football should give public notice that they proposed to meet on a ceptain street corner or in meet on a certain street corner or in a given gymnasium for the purpose of punching one another's nose, twisting one another's legs until put out of Joint or broken, knocking one another in sensible, gouging out one another generally, the police would turn out in force to stop the exhibition. The only apparent difference is that instead of making, an announcement of what it was really proposed to do, the announcement was that football games would be played, and under the guise of football the participants proceeded to bruise one another to their heard's content.

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A match game of football is never played without one or more surgeons in readiness to set broken limbs, sew up lacerations or dress contusions. This fact is itself an evidence that the game is dangerous to life and limb and that it is recognized as such. Many a man has been maimed for life by an Injury received in football. Whilm a few months the writer has met two persons who have been thus injured. One had received a kick upon a finger which made it stiff forever afterwards, so that he had, since receiving the injury, not been able to close his hand. Another had received an injury to his shoulder, as the result of which the muscles had wasted and the use of the shoulder had been permanently impaired to such a degree that he was very much crippled and entirely disabled for any manual labor requiring the use of both arms. That the man accepted as a sort of compensation for his life-long injury the fact that he had been the best football fighter in his team only affords another evidence of the degree to which the minds and the consciences of men have become perverted in relation to this game. The gentleman exhibited his disabled shoulder with somewhat of the same sort of pride that a Teuton sometimes points to the sear across his check or nose as evidence of the duels he has fought and won. Pootball is certainly nothing more nor less than dueling, and the chances of fatal injury are often-times greater than in a glove or a saber contest, for not infrequently the whole combined force of several men is hurled like a missible and had they limbs broken shoulder, a broken leg, a deformed nose or some other physical damage—it matters not so long as the point is gained.

"If three or four men y re rendered insensible and had they limbs broken as the result may be. They may be a broken heek, a ruptured kidney, a dislocated press dispatch as a lamentable circumstance, fai which some architest or trainman or some one else must be held responsible, but when criminal or even greater injuries result from a football game, it rations or dress contusions and the second of short and the way to be added to the second of the shortest and the way to be added to the second of the shortest and the way to be added to the second of the shortest and the

"FOOTBALL FIGHTING" CURIOUS CURRENT CASES IN THE (Philadelphia Times.)

Take a map, and where the counties of Puchanan, Virginia, Logan, West Virginia, and Pike, Kentucky, converge, stick a pin, and you will have the exact location of the little town of Wharn-cliffe, where the mountains are so high that the sun does not rise until 11 o'clock in the day. It is the stronghold of the famous Hatfields, and notwithstanding the lawlessness of the class one of them is duly commissioned as a instituce of the is duly commissioned as a justice of th

is duly commissioned as a justice of the peace for Logan county.

But Judge Hatfield is entirely too important a person to confine his sphere of usefulness to the narrow confines of a county, and consequently for the past lifteen years he has impartially entertained jurisdiction of cases alike from all three of the counties, and so great is his reputation as a judge that during this reputation as a judge that during this time no plea to his jurisdiction has been filed and no appeal even threatened from one of his decisions except upon one occasion.

at twas a cause celebre, and the moun-tains had given forth their dwellers, male and female, dressed in their Sunday attire, the men decorated with bell spurs and capacious six-shooters, and the ladies with the cans filled with snuff, into which they frequently injected a young sapling chewed to a frazzle at one end and used as a "snuff brush"—all come to hear the trial. As the court hour drew near expectation ran high. Finally a craning of necks and a hush of the hum of conversation announced the happening of an important event, which was verified by the entry of the great man known as the court, otherwise Justice Jim Hattield. The court was attired in a big sandy beard and a pair of revolvers which might easily have been mistaken for Galling guns. These the court majestically unbuckled the ladies with tin cans filled with so These the court majestically unbuckled and laid on the table, at the same time

and laid on the itable, at the same time magisterially announcing that the court was now ready to cut any Gordian knots that the law could devise.

A long, lean apparition, whose pants came scarcely to its shoe tops, with a celluloid collar around its neck, on the button of which was hung a cravat, which resembled clocky a placard sometimes posted on the door to notify the public that the occupant will return in half an hour, and whose eyes were set at an angle, which superinduced the belief that one of them was studying astronomy and the other botany, appeared for the plaintiff in the case. This individual was seeking to recover from the radfroad company the value of a skinny, long-horned cow, worth perhas \$5, but long-horned cow, worth perhas \$5, but

radiroad company the value of a skinny, long-horned cow, worth perhas \$5, but which his poignant grief had converted into a Jersey valued at \$300.

The case was opened by the production of evidence which clearly proved that the cow was found dead about a mile and a half from the radiroad track, and that her value was anywhere from \$300 to \$500. Then the plaintiff's attorney, in an argument eclipsing the famous effort of Sergeans Buzfuzz, proceeded to demonstrate to the court nothing in demonstrate to the court nothing in particular except the assimitity of the speaker, after which the young lawyer for the defendant made a sensible argu-ment of the utter lack of proof that the cow had been killed by the train of the ompany, and the case was given to th

court for decision, Justice Hatfield looked wise, emitted Justice Hatfield looked wise, emitted a geyser of tobacco julce, and said:
"After consideration, this here cote is of the unanimous decision that that hain't nothing as could have killed a healthy cow like that 'cepting a railroad injine, and therefore the cote decides, adjudges and decrees that the railroad pay John Smithers \$200 for his cow. Falling to do that in ten days the constable will take up a rail and sell enough lumber from broken box cars to pay the jedgment and costs."

At first the young railroad attorney was too much surprised to speak, but

was too much surprised to speak, but finally he said: "Your Honor, I wish to give notice of appeal from that de-

cision."

The rage of the Hrycinian tiger was gentle to the wrath of the mountain Daniel as he reared: "You do, do you? You town puppy, you want to dishonor this here cote by 'penling from its decision, wher that hain't a man dared to do that this fifteen year," and the learned judge loyed with the hair irigger of a pidee of his ordnance trained on the lawyer, his wrath seemed to desert him, and in the blandest voice imaginable, he inquired, "Do you think you'll 'peal, mister?" and there was that in the eye of the righteous judge which gave the astorney pause, and which made him reply that upon second thought he sunposed substantial justice had been done, and he was willing to abide by the decision of the court.

One of the most novel cases ever decided was recently disposed of in the courts of North Carolina. One morning a young woman dressed in deep mourning came into a dawyer's office, and informed him that she wisked to see him The rage of the Hrycinian tiger was

a young woman dressed in deep mourning came into a lawyer's office, and informed him that she wished to see him on important legal business. "You see," sad she, "I have been engaged to be married to Jonas Jones for the past two years. Two months ago he died, and now I want to know what to do." The lawyer, who, it is needless to say, was a full-fledged shyster, was ready with his reply. "Did he leave any properly?" his reply. "Did he leave any properly?"
"Yes, about \$2,500," replied the client,
"Hus the administrator been appointed?" "Yes, Thomas Smith," "Then,"
replied the lawyer, "bring suit against
him at once for breach of promise." nim at once for breach of promise."
The advice was taken, and although the unfortunate Smith protested and swore to his innocence, the fact that he had visited the swore. to instancence, the fact that he had visited the young woman on several oc-casions, coupled with her testimony turned the scales against him and regis-

The Story of the Reformation Personified.



This cut will give our readers some idea of the entertainment which is in course of preparation by the people of this place, which is intended to delineate the story of the Reformation. This illustration represents the style of costume to be worn and indicates some idea of the features of the "story.

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choral, Luther's battle hymn, "A Mighty Stronghold." One of the most important scenes of the evening will be Luther's trial before Emperor Charles V., in which

many of our prominent people will take part. Another feature will be the Nun and Novice scene, in which a number of our popular young ladies will take

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